

CHIEF CROKER SLATED TO GO.

He Learns that Commissioner Sturgis Has Already Determined Upon His Dismissal from the Fire Department.

READY TO APPEAL CASE.

Details of the Plot to Deprive Him of His Position and Reward Henry D. Purroy by the Promotion of His Brother.

Fire Commissioner Sturgis refused to discuss to-day the report that Chief Croker is so sure that he is to be dropped that his papers of appeal to the courts have already been prepared by his counsel, John J. Delaney. It is the general impression that the Commissioner will drop Chief Croker from the department, but public opinion has so strongly expressed opposition to the plan that a compromise may be reached. If the Commissioner does not drop the Chief he will have to reduce him in rank, or otherwise make good the pledge he saddled on himself when he took office to the effect that he would make another man Chief of the Fire Department. Whatever he does in the way of either expulsion or reduction in rank will be contested by the Chief.

And with this announcement of the fate of Croker comes a revelation of the details of the plot which accomplished it. It has been charged that Mayor Low is a party to it. He has not seen fit to dignify the assertion by a denial, but his action in refusing to recognize a large delegation of hotel men who called upon him in Chief Croker's behalf speaks louder than any denial could.

Edward F. Croker was doomed as Chief of the Fire Department more than a year ago. The morning after reelection in 1901 his fate was sealed. The plot to depose him has been more difficult of accomplishment than the conspirators imagined it would be, but political pledges must be fulfilled and the Fire Department was made a political asset.

To Make Way for Purroy.

Henry D. Purroy, brother of the Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, who is slated to succeed Chief Croker, is the man said to have first directed attention to Croker's place. In return for support he claims to have given the Fulton ticket to Croker. It is said that he gets advancement for his brother, over whose head Edward Croker was advanced when Bonner was dropped from the Department.

When Commissioner Sturgis took office he professed the greatest friendship for Chief Croker. He knew the Chief from former connection with the Fire Department and the Chief knew him.

William Leary, an adherent of the Republican machine who wrote the Spotted Town doggerel and handled the Republican billboards in the municipal campaign, went in as Mr. Sturgis's secretary and on Leary's shoulders fell the task of working up the case against the Chief.

Leary and Capt. Clifford, who was dismissed from the department for raising money to influence legislation, were ordered by Commissioner Sturgis to go through the department records for evidence. They were assisted by Deputy Chief Purroy and after months of labor evolved a set of charges that provoked derision among all fair-minded men.

Assistants of Mr. Rives, the Corporation Counsel, were called in to formulate the charges.

Crocker Sought Information.

Of course Chief Croker was not in ignorance of what was going on, and in his characteristic way he demanded to know about it. Commissioner Sturgis dodged and evaded, and twisted and finally, when pinned down, he was forced to show his hand.

The trial proceedings are fresh in the memory of every New Yorker. Through the whole affair the dominating note rang loudly. It was "Down Croker." And Croker is "downed."

Outside of the political pledge aspect of the case there are other reasons why Chief Croker should be deposed. Should the courts relocate him Deputy Chief Purroy may be retired on a pension of \$3,000 a year. But while Purroy is in he will work in harmony with Commissioner Sturgis and lines may be laid to place the department on a Republican footing.

Politics in the Plot.

Another version of the conspiracy to depose Croker drags in the name of Mayor Low. It is said that before the Fulton ticket was put in the field, a certain club prominently identified with city reform made a bargain to throw all its influence with Mayor Low if in

FIRE CHIEF CROKER, WHO IS SLATED FOR DISMISSAL, HIS ACCUSER AND THE MAN WHO WILL SUCCEED HIM



the event of his election Croker was removed from office on some pretext or another and Purroy promoted.

Among the stories that have come to the ears of Mr. Delaney is one that the "Pinkies" in the department are strong factors in the Croker conspiracy. The "Pinkies" compose the Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association. Chief Croker has been opposed to the methods of the organization, which he has openly declared was formed for the purpose of raising corruption funds. This money, it is alleged, has been used to push through the Legislature bills favorable to the firemen.

The head of the "Pinkies" when he was in the department, was Capt. James D. Clifford.

Capt. Clifford was dismissed from the department by Fire Commissioner Sturgis on Nov. 9, 1900. At that time Clifford was foreman of Hook and Ladder No. 18 in Attorney street. The charges on which Clifford was dismissed were preferred by Chief Croker, so that the Chief's friends are open in their declaration that the ex-company captain had been working ever since to get revenge on the head of the department.

Had Blood Was There.

Capt. Clifford's trial extended over several weeks and the stenographer's minutes showed the bad blood between him and the Chief because of the "Pinkies."

Since his dismissal Clifford has been closely friendly with Deputy Chief Purroy. He is said to have furnished the bulk of the departmental information that was used at the alleged trial of Croker.

When Sturgis came into the department Croker thought that he had a sincere friend in the Commissioner. They were almost chummy, and the Chief's friends say that he made every effort to cement the friendly relations. He was almost sure that Sturgis would support him in his efforts to get rid of his subordinates who were trying to find something on which he might be tried and kicked out of the department.

No Fault with Croker.

Touching on this point Lawyer Delaney said:

"A conscientious man could possibly find fault with Croker as a Fire Chief. Hotel men, insurance men and the business men of the community are his sincere supporters."

The charges against Chief Croker were woven into a fabric last summer while the Chief was away on his vacation. It was then that the trial for the first time the gravity of the plot against him. He hastened home and reported to Commissioner Sturgis for duty. The Commissioner insisted that the Chief continue his holiday, but the Chief was equally insistent that he should be allowed to return to his post of duty.

Finally the Commissioner suspended the Chief without any explanation. He appealed to the Mayor and to the Supreme Court. Sturgis ignored service of a writ of mandamus and there was talk of punishing him for contempt of court. Croker won in his suit, but until the charges against him had been formulated.

During the trial everything that could possibly be brought out against Croker was dug up. Even the records of his witnesses were gone over with the purpose of besmirching the Chief at no matter what cost. A notable instance of this character was the deliberate manner in which a lieutenant in the department was forced to admit that while a boy he had been implicated in a theft for which he was sent to prison, but he was pardoned by Gov. Flower.

The Farcical Trial.

Throughout the trial Lawyer Delaney frequently charged that his client was not fairly treated. When the case was closed there were 2,000 pages of typewritten testimony. Allowing 250 words to a page, the total number of words would be 750,000.

And yet, said Mr. Delaney in his office today, "with it all they failed to prove anything against Chief Croker. In every count they failed. I expect to hear of the Commissioner's decision at any moment now. We are ready for the enemy. Croker, of course, will be forced out of office."

HELD FOR RIVAL'S DEATH.

ROCHESTER, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Lily Miller Young, held by the jury, charged with the death of Miss Florence K. MacFarlane. The coroner found that Miss MacFarlane came to her death Tuesday as the result of stab wounds inflicted by Mrs. Young.

BOERS' APPEAL FOR HELP.

Chamberlain and Botha Exchange Communications.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A Parliamentary paper relating to the Boer Generals' appeal to the world was published this afternoon. In a letter to Gen. Botha Colonial Secretary Chamberlain protests against the "exaggerations in the appeal" and the "theoretical impressions conveyed thereby," and points out that in addition to the gift of \$5,000,000 for the relief of the Boers Great Britain had been spending \$1,000,000 monthly since the close of the war in maintaining the Burger camps as organizations to enable the people to return to their homes.

Gen. Botha in reply says that until Mr. Chamberlain made his speech of Nov. 5 he understood that the \$5,000,000 was partial compensation for war losses. If he had known that it was solely for the relief of destitution the appeal in such form would not have been issued.

He concludes with a congratulatory reference to Mr. Chamberlain's approaching trip to South Africa.

WOMAN REMEMBERING PAIN SWINDLER FOUND IN LISBON.

LISBON, Portugal, Nov. 21.—A woman was arrested here to-day on suspicion that she may be Mme. Frederick Humbert, who with her husband, is wanted by the police of Paris in connection with the Crawford case frauds.

There is considerable doubt, however, whether she is really the famous ascender.

DIED ON HOTEL FLOOR.

Aged Marble Dealer Expires Suddenly of Probable Heart Disease.

James J. Scott, a retired marble dealer, who is said to have furnished more tombstones for Greenwood Cemetery than any other man, died suddenly to-day in the Bridge Hotel, No. 32 Sands street.

He went there last night and took a room. This morning he came downstairs and told Proprietor Carlow that he was feeling ill. He had scarcely spoken the words when he fell to the floor. When the ambulance surgeon came he was dead. His death is supposed to have been due to heart disease.

WILSON'S DESK IS OPENED.

Assistant District-Attorney Has Not Announced What Was Found.

The safe and desk of Harry C. Wilson, chief clerk in the office of Col. S. M. Mansfield, chief of the Army Engineer Department of the East, was opened this afternoon by Assistant District-Attorney Kresgel, in the presence of Mr. Wilson and a representative of Mr. Battle, his attorney.

Mr. Kresgel would not say whether he found any papers in either safe or desk which would throw any light on the charges of blackmail on which Wilson is under bonds to answer.

WANT A LARGER SCHOOL.

Mass-Meeting to Be Held to Protest Against Committee on Sites.

There is a deep feeling of resentment in the Shuetzen Park section of Long Island City about the action of the Committee on Sites of the Board of Education in refusing to give adequate accommodations for the children of Public School No. 6, Local School Board, District No. 42, has recommended the acquisition of sufficient land adjoining the present site and the erection of a building with twenty-four classrooms.

A committee of citizens of Long Island City has arranged for a mass-meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock at Hettinger's Hall, Broadway and Seventh avenue, Long Island City, to protest against the action of the Committee on Sites.

DISINHERITS DAUGHTER.

Five Dollars Left to Mrs. Cheeseman and Rest to Church.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mrs. Rachel Cheeseman, the sum of \$5, it being my express desire that she shall have no further part or share in my estate on account of the undutiful manner in which I have been treated by her."

So wrote old John Polmore, who had only about \$500 beyond his debts. The rest of his money goes to St. Monica's Church. First avenue and Seventy-ninth street. His executor is Mary E. Mahon, at whose house, No. 513 East Seventy-fifth street, he died.

Mrs. Cheeseman lives at Broadway and Washington avenue, Chester Park, Brooklyn. The will was filed to-day by Edward Hayes.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6:52 Sun sets, 4:35 Moon rises 11:24

THE TIDE.

High Water, Low Water, A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.

Sandy Hook, 12:11 6:01 6:39

Governor's Island, 12:21 6:26 7:16

Hell Gate Ferry, 2:14 12:33 8:05 8:47

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Great Waldraase, Hamburg

Chester, Hamburg

Sterator, Hamburg

Genelia, Hamburg

Coastmunde, Hamburg

Shields

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.

Lindenberg, Hamburg, Sabine, Galveston

Trippel, Hamburg, Maraval, Port Spain

Hanover, Bremen, El Paso, Galveston

Riverdale, St. Michaels

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

Prism, Willem IV, Alamo, Mobile

Havli, Princess Anne, Norfolk

Matanzas, Tampico, Colorado, Brunswick

Hanover, Bremen, Araxos, Charleston

Rosaling, Newfoundland

MUST REMOVE THEIR ASHES

Street-Cleaning Department Can't Handle Hotel and Factory Refuse.

Street-Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury has issued an order that until he can procure the proper equipment no more ashes will be collected by the Department from hotels, factories and large business houses. These buildings will have to hire teams for which they will have to pay to cart away the ashes.

The Corporation Counsel, in a recent opinion to Mr. Woodbury, stated that the small house-owners would have to be cared for first. It will probably be two months or seven weeks before equipment can be secured. Advertisements for bids for furnishing 200 horses will be opened Dec. 1, and until they have been received no work on the large hotels and big buildings can be contemplated.

ROOSEVELT BACK AT WORK.

Is Putting the Finishing Touches on His Message.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Soon after his return to-day the President reached his office in the Executive Building. He began at once to dispose of a mass of business which had accumulated during his absence.

During the next four or five days, as opportunity may offer, the President will put the finishing touches upon his annual message to Congress. It is understood that the message will be sent to Congress on the second day of the approaching session, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

During the early days of next week the President will consult on parts of his message with Republican leaders in Congress.

HORSEMAN HURT BY TRAIN.

John Roche Struck While Crossing Brighton Beach Tracks.

As John Roche, thirty-eight years old, a horseman, of Sheephead Bay, was crossing the tracks of the Brighton Beach Railroad, near Shore Road, on the way to his hotel early to-day, he was struck by a train composed of a motor car and two trailers and thrown from the rails upon the hard roadway. Landing upon his head, he lay unconscious until several witnesses of the accident ran to his assistance.

He was bleeding profusely from the head and it was feared that he had received a fractured skull. It was discovered that his injuries were merely superficial cuts and bruises. After these were dressed he was removed to the Kings County Hospital, where it is said he will be able to get about in a week.

ODD WAY TO MAIL LETTER.

Woman Called Out Fire Department and Then Ran.

"Say, mister; a woman wanted to mail a letter and thought the fire-box was a letter-box. She's run away now."

This was the explanation Assistant Fire Chief Lovell, of Jersey City, received from a boy when he saw several fire companies, dashed up to the corner of Montgomery and Varick streets in response to an alarm. Police Capt. Cody, who came with his reserves, got the same explanation, and all went back to work.

COL. OCHILTREE DYING.

Former Representative from Texas Dangerously Ill at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 21.—Col. Thomas Ochiltree is seriously ill here and it is feared cannot survive. The former Representative from Texas arrived a fortnight ago, but he was then in a very weak condition and has made no progress since.

HIGGINS AND ODELL CONFER.

Legislation Is the Theme of Their Meeting.

NEWBURG, Nov. 21.—Lieutenant-Governor-elect Higgins has just returned to his home at Mattawean after a conference with Gov. Odell.

It is said that the work of the coming session of the Legislature was discussed at some length.

FAST WIRELESS MESSAGES NOW.

Marconi Increases the Speed of Transmission Through the Air from Seventeen to Forty Words a Minute.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MADE

(Special to The Evening World.)

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, Nov. 21.—Signor Marconi is to-day conducting several off-shore experiments in transmitting messages. He will complete these tests before making an authoritative and technical statement regarding his achievement in transmitting messages across the Atlantic Ocean from Poldhu, Cornwall, to Table Head, near here.

The message which was flashed from Poldhu was not received by the Table Head station, but by the Italian cruiser Carlo Alberto, which had brought Marconi and which was lying at anchor in Sydney Harbor.

Since the arrival of the cruiser Marconi and his assistants have been busy installing the apparatus at the Table Head station, and it is with these instruments that the tests are now being made. The Carlo Alberto is making various trips out into the ocean, maintaining communication with shore.

Permanent Communication.

In this way the youthful inventor hopes to have the Table Head station in such perfect condition that it can maintain permanent communication with the Poldhu station in Cornwall.

This will be the first established and regular trans-oceanic system of wireless telegraphy. The company which is backing Marconi is expected to be prepared then to accept and deliver Marconigrams to and from Europe.

As soon as he has the instruments at Table Head properly adjusted Marconi will go to Cape Cod and establish the station there. In an interview Marconi said to-day:

"Any statement made by me now might only mislead the public, and I prefer to wait till my work here has been accomplished. As yet, this station is not fully equipped. A large part of the machinery has not been unpacked, and some of it has not been unpacked, so you see that we are not yet in a position to do much experimenting."

Several Improvements Made.

"Several improvements have been made both in the transmitting and receiving apparatus, and we are now able to send at a rate of forty words a minute, while a year ago, our best speed was sixteen or seventeen words a minute. I have not yet decided when I will leave here for Cape Cod, but I hope to complete experiments here before sailing and will then make an announcement."

It is reported that the British cruiser Palmar, this station, which leaves here on Dec. 15, will be fitted with Marconi appliances and will conduct a series of exchanges with Table Head while at sea and en route to the West Indies.

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Find Old Andy Rogan, 67, a Shoemaker, and Get the Reward.

A mail carrier came into the Tombs Court to-day on his rounds and handed Magistrate Deuel a square linen envelope, bordered in black, addressed as follows: Police Magistrate, New York, America. It read:

"ADELAIDE, Australia, Oct., 1892. 'Dear Sir: If you would kindly and help me to find my bother, Andrew or Andy Rogan, age sixty-seven, born in Dublin, arrived by the good ship Badie Milton at New York about the year 1850. Last heard of in Panceavilla (Pennsylvania). Imposed to be working at the shoe making trade or any of his family if alive. There is money for them if found. If any payment is required I will pay it.'"

"Maden name Mrs. Mary Ann Rogan; married name Mrs. Jonathan Makings. Martin Summit, Adelaide, South Australia. 'Panceavilla' papers please copy."

MARIE DRESSLER BETTER.

Physician Says It Is Only Vitality that Holds Her Up.

Marie Dressler's condition was a trifle improved this morning, according to her physician, Dr. Frauenthal. "She is not yet out of immediate danger," said Dr. Frauenthal, after visiting the actress at her apartments in the Luella, on West Forty-fifth street. "But one good symptom is that she is able to retain a diet of 2 foot 10 inch. It is only Miss Dressler's remarkable vitality that is bearing her up. If she falls her there is no hope. Her temperature is a trifle lower to-day, but I still fear internal hemorrhages. She is, however, brighter, yet I feel some encouragement."

DIES IN HOTEL OFFICE.

Unknown and Almost penniless, This Man Was Well Clad.

An unidentified man, about sixty-five years old, died suddenly this morning in the Bridge Hotel, at No. 32 Sands street, Brooklyn. When the man came downstairs from the room he had taken last night he remarked to the proprietor, George Garlow, "I feel sick."

Almost immediately he fell over and was dead before Ambulance Surgeon Smith responded to a call.

The man had but a few cents in his pockets. He was about 2 foot 10 inch tall, weighed 170 pounds and had gray hair, beard and mustache. His clothing was of good material.

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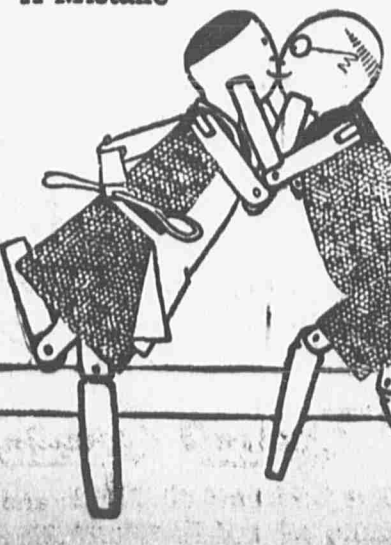
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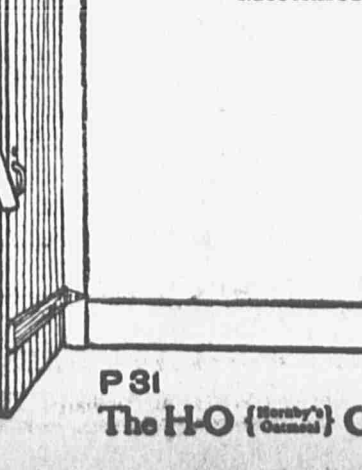
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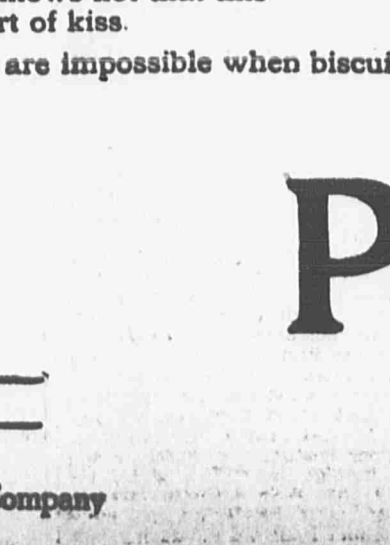


"Popover's" wife knows not that this is but a grateful sort of kiss.

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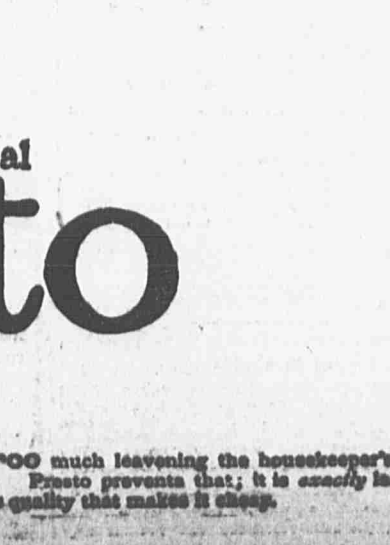
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